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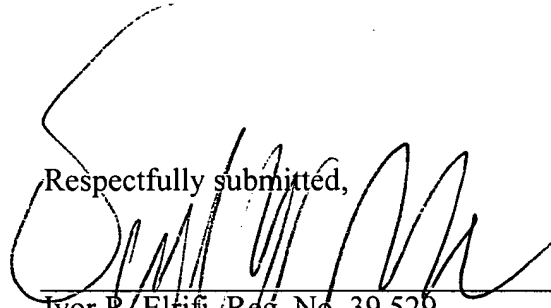
Claims 13, 16-21, 24-28, and 31-52 are pending in the application. The specification has been amended to correct the filing date of parent application Ser. No. 09/301,808. No petition is believed required. However, if this is in error, please consider this a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 22058-519 CIPDIV2.

The only issue remaining in the case is a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 13, 16-21, 24-28, and 31-52 are rejected as unpatentable over Chiramonte et al., J. Immunol. 162:920-30, 1999 ("Chiramonte") in view of Friedmann et al., Springer Seminars in Immunopathology 20: 211-28, 1998.

Applicants submit a copy of a Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 by co-inventor Thomas Wynn, which demonstrates that Chiramonte describes Applicant's own work. Thus, Chiramonte does not constitute a reference describing work by another and is not available as prior art. In the absence of this reference the rejection falls. Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that this paper is fully responsive and that the application is in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 22058-519 CIPDIV2.

Respectfully submitted,

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